

Docket No. 208608US0PCT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Thomas DANIEL, et al.

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EXAMINER: METZMAIER

FOR: HYDROGELS CAPABLE OF ABSORBING AQUEOUS FLUIDS

**REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

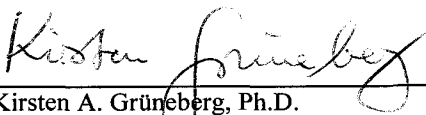
SIR:

Applicant's representative hereby respectfully requests that an Oral Hearing be scheduled in the above-identified application.

A credit card payment in the amount of **\$1,030.00** to cover the fee is being made and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. **15-0030**.

Respectfully Submitted,

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